

Claims

1. A data acquisition source management method for managing acquisition sources, the data acquisition source management method comprising the steps of:
 - 5 generating a source list for containing at least one acquisition source by a Real-time Multimedia Data On Demand (RTMDOD) server, each of the at least one acquisition source contained in the source list being for provision of data therefrom and being in data communication with the RTMDOD server, the data provided by each of the at least one acquisition source being unique;
 - 10 providing the source list to a data requestor system, the source list being provided by the RTMDOD server in response to the RTMDOD server receiving a list request from the data requestor system, the data requestor system being in data communication with the RTMDOD server; and
 - 15 receiving a data request from the data requestor system by the RTMDOD server, the data request being a request for data from one or more of the at least one acquisition source being registered on the source list and being indicated thereby.
2. The data acquisition source management method as in claim 1, further comprising a step of:
 - 20 providing a data response from the RTMDOD server to the data requestor system in responses to the data request being received by the RTMDOD server from the data requestor system.
- 25 3. The data acquisition source management method as in claim 1, the step of generating a source list containing at least one acquisition source comprising the steps of:
 - transmitting registration data from the at least one acquisition source to the RTMDOD server;
 - 30 verifying the registration data from the at least one acquisition source by the RTMDOD server; and
 - registering the at least one acquisition source onto the source list and storing the registration data corresponding to the registered at least one

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providing an error message to the data requestor system by the RTMDOD server in response to the data request.

9. The data acquisition source management method as in claim 4, the step of providing a source list to the data requestor system further comprising the steps of:
- verifying status of each of the acquisition source registered on the source list, the status of each of the acquisition source being one of active or inactive;
 - updating the source list by removing the acquisition source having the status of inactive therefrom; and
 - transmitting the updated source list to each of the plurality of data requestor system registered on the requestor list.
10. A data acquisition source management system for managing acquisition sources, the data acquisition source management system comprising:
- the means for generating a source list for containing at least one acquisition source by a Real-time Multimedia Data On Demand (RTMDOD) server, each of the at least one acquisition source contained in the source list being for provision of data therefrom and being in data communication with the RTMDOD server, the data provided by each of the at least one acquisition source being unique;
 - the means for providing the source list to a data requestor system, the source list being provided by the RTMDOD server in response to the RTMDOD server receiving a list request from the data requestor system, the data requestor system being in data communication with the RTMDOD server; and
 - the means for receiving a data request from the data requestor system by the RTMDOD server, the data request being a request for data from one or more of the at least one acquisition source being registered on the source list and being indicated thereby.

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